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SUBJ: DATA ON SPEED LIMIT/HIGHWAY FATALITIES

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1. SWISS FEDERAL DEPT OF JUSTICE AND POLICE SPONSORED STUDY ON HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS, INJURIES AND FATALITIES DURING 1971-74 FOR FEDERAL COUNCIL USE IN ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS FOR RURAL ROADS AND LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS; THESE PREVIOUSLY HAD NO RPT NO SPEED LIMITS. EFFECTIVE JAN 1973, FEDERAL COUNCIL SET SPEED LIMIT 100 KILOMETERS PER HOUR (ABOUT 62.5 MPH) ON RURAL ROADS, BUT EXCLUDED LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS. DURING ENERGY CRISIS FEDERAL COUNCIL SET SPEED LIMIT 100 KPH FOR LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS FROM NOV 17, 1973 TO MAR 14, 1974. AFTER THAT DATE THE SPEED LIMIT ON LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS WAS RAISED TO 130 KPH (ABOUT 81.25 MPH).

2. ACCIDENT STATISTICS FOR RURAL HIGHWAYS 1971-74 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

YEAR	QUARTER	ACCIDENTS	INJURED	KILLED
1971	I	4,692	2,652	169

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II 5,998 3,721 256

III	7,197	4,757	342
IV	5,731	3,356	253
TOTAL	23,618	14,486	1,020

1972 I	4,795	2,621	179
II	6,194	3,809	269
III	7,365	4,454	290
IV	6,064	3,618	246
TOTAL	24,418	14,502	984

1973 I	4,649	2,489	156
II	5,815	3,326	227
III	6,739	4,054	279
IV	5,098	2,788	210
TOTAL	22,301	12,657	872

1974 I	3,984	2,210	128
II	5,287	3,265	201
III	5,829	3,514	274
IV	5,246	2,943	188
TOTAL	20,346	11,932	791

3. ACCIDENT STATISTICS FOR LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS 1973, 1974
AND 1975 (PARTIAL) ARE AS FOLLOWS: STATISTICS IN PARENTHESES
() ARE FOR 1975.

1973 ACCIDENTS INJURED KILLED

JAN	214	74	5
FEB	195	35	-
MAR	143	59	3
APR	221	54	2
MAY	182	58	6
JUN	196	104	8
JUL	233	98	8
AUG	217	114	6
SEP	213	115	1
OCT	170	58	1
NOV	176	66	3
DEC	131	29	1
TOTAL	2,291	875	44

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1974

JAN	68	17	-(2)
	(149)	(40)	
FEB	78	19	1 (2)
	(115)	(38)	
MAR	130	51	3 (-)
	(242)	(71)	

APR	120	43	2 (8)
	(174)	(59)	
MAY	129	68	-
JUNE	175	70	3
JUL	188	45	3
AUG	154	70	5
SEPT	170	67	2
OCT	194	77	1
NOV	184	86	2
DEC	248	87	8
TOTAL	1,768	700	30

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4. EMBASSY HAS ONE COPY OF THIS 360 PAGE REPORT IN FRENCH
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